IN HONOR OF DONALD R. DOSER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-TIREMENT FROM OPERATING ENGINEERS. LOCAL 3

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, recognize Donald R. Doser, business manager emeritus of Operating Engineers, Local 3, as he prepares to retire.

Donald Doser has been a man committed to excellence. He has been a major force in the construction trades since 1958. A graduate of Harvard University's trade union school, he dedicated his career to improving the lives of working men and women in the construction trades. Donald has served as Local 3's district representative and business manager. He also served as general vice president for the International Union of Operating Engineers.

During his tenure with Operating Engineers Local 3, Donald organized, trained staff and diligently worked to keep business operations on a sound financial footing. The list of his achievements and accomplishments during his leadership over the years is long. He increased the membership of Local 3 and focused on organizing new workers, creating equalized health benefits for members and improved vision-care coverage.

Donald Doser, in addition to his more obvious accomplishments, established and maintained a higher standard of integrity in his organization. He undertook his many tasks with great determination and dedication. I am pleased to congratulate and pay tribute to him, and I encourage m colleagues to join me in wishing Donald Doser and his family the very best as he embarks on the next chapter in his life.

## SOLDIERS AND NASCAR

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I will make a few remarks concerning NASCAR and our soldiers at Walter Reed.

On June 3, I attended a Memorial Day dinner at the Walter Reed Army Hospital honoring our country's wounded soldiers. I occasionally visit the hospital to pay my respects to our country's wounded heroes. On this occasion, however, I had the opportunity to meet two of NASCAR's greatest drivers, Rusty Wallace and Jimmie Johnson, who were also participating in this event. Many of the soldiers at the hospital follow NASCAR, and the racers' appearance at the hospital lifted the spirits of both wounded soldiers and dedicated hospital staff members. I am sure Rusty and Jimmie would agree with me when I say that nothing is more humbling or gratifying than meeting these real-life heroes, the men and women who have served our country in such a noble manner. I want to personally thank Rusty Wallace and Jimmie Johnson for taking the time to share in this rewarding experience. They too are great patriots giving of their time to recognize these heroes.

Walter Reed Army Hospital is an amazing place. I have seen firsthand

why it is the Nation's most effective military health care facility. Our soldiers and those who represent all the other military services are the reason that America is the paramount military force in the world today.

The caregivers at Walter Reed. Bethesda and military hospitals overseas are some of America's great unsung heroes. They are the doctors and nurses who are responsible for helping our soldiers get well and back to their families or in uniform as soon as possible. Their needs and concerns are equally important to me and my colleagues. With the help of these doctors and nurses, our military services are improving the quality of care provided to soldiers, their family members, our veterans and retirees. Most of these soldiers were doing well although most had received serious wounds. Their loyalty to their brothers at arms and to America is inspiring. We sent them there in our place so we would be safer at home. And they have performed superbly. Jimmie and Rusty understand that all of us, whether racer, politician, critic, or protestor, enjoy the good life in this country because of the courage of the soldier, their willingness to serve for us.

NASCAR and its fans love America. Their skills and their cars reflect our freedom and the technological skills that make us world leaders. It was a great thing, that these super stars found time in their hectic and intense schedule to provide comfort, sympathy, and inspiration to these who have sacrificed for us. I thank them for it.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, a withdrawal and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-9055. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Unmanufactured Wood Articles From Mexico" (Doc. No. 98-054-3) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9056. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Missouri" (Doc. No. 01-015-2) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9057. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forchlorfenuron; N-(2-chloro-4-pyridinyl)-N'-phenylurea; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7362-1) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9058. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 Status Report to Congress for the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act of 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9059. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrimethanil Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL#7371-2) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9060. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Blueberry Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AB76) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9061. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations: Apple Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AB92) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

EC-9062. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations" (RIN0563-AB91) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9063. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Relaxation of Pack and Container Requirements" (Doc. No. FV04-920-1) received on September 9, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9064. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and in Umatilla County, Oregon; Increased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV04-924-1) received on September 9, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9065. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, 14 quarterly Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending June 30, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9066. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower